(b) and (c) As per our existing commitments under the General Agreement on Trade in Service (GATS) at the World Trade Organization (WTO), access is available only for employees at the level of Managers. Executives and Specialists of foreign juridical persons who are transferred for a temporary period to a branch or a representatives office of that firm in India or an Indian firm under its ownership or control. In addition, access is available for short term visits of independent professionals on the basis of a specific service contract with a juridical person in India. The requirements of foreign firms, if any, of bringing in foreign experts and skilled workers are **met** after due consideration by the concerned immigration authorities.

Ban on advertisements of liquor and tobacco products on TV

*208. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a ban on advertisements of liquor and tobacco products on TV channels;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some manufacturers of liquor are advertising their brands showing their subsidiary products of the *same* name; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop advertising liquor brands to discourage consumption of liquor and tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Advertisements on all TV channels when transmitted/re-transmitted through the Cable Television Network are required to adhere to the Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. The Advertising Code *inter alia* prohibits advertisements, which promote directly/indirectly production, sale or consumption of cigarettes, tobacco products, wine, alcohol, liquor or other intoxicants.

Complaints/suggestions from members of the public and organizations are *received* from time to time regarding alleged violations of the Advertising Code. The Central Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under Section 20 of the Act to look into violations of the Advertising Code. The Committee comprises officers from Ministries of Information & Broadcasting, Law, Women & Child Development and Health and a representative from the Advertising Standards Council of India. Cognizance of such violations of Advertising Code is also taken *suo moto* by the Committee.

Show cause notices are issued in the first instance to TV channels telecasting objectionable advertising in violation of Advertising Code. 13 TV channels have been directed in July, 2003 not to telecast some advertisements which were found to be in violation of the Advertising Code. This is a continuing process.

Capitation fee in medical colleges

*210. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Medical Colleges in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been charging very high capitation fee from the students seeking admission;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any enquiry to ascertain the factual position in this regard; and

(c) the action Government have taken against the management of such Medical Colleges for violation of Supreme Court judgement in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) According to information received from the Governments of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, there has been no specific complaint of charging capitation fee from the